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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An improved dough product comprising: dough that is mechanically formed into a shape and packaged;

gas pockets formed within the dough through a proofing step, wherein yeast within the dough produces CO₂ gas causing the gas pockets;

live yeast within the dough that enables the dough upon baking to further product CO2 gas and expand thereby; and

- a finally heated superproofed skin on the dough, which has been seared through a superproofing step that warms the dough to a temperature that kills is effective for inactivating at least some yeast on the skin but does not kill the live yeast within the dough.
- 2. (original) The dough product of Claim 1, wherein the shape is produced by a mechanical process selected from the group consisting of: cutting and stamping.
- 3. (original) The dough product of Claim 1, wherein the skin enables the dough to be picked up off a conveying pan through the use of suction cups placed on top of the dough.
- 4. (original) The dough product of Claim 1, wherein the dough is packaged in a condition selected from: a frozen condition and a refrigerated condition.
- 5. (original) The dough product of Claim 1, wherein the dough is packaged in the presence of oxygen.